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Title- From Doha to Vila Euclid

Main editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (4-2) states:
"....In Doha....[President] Lula attributed the developed countries
as being responsible for the economic crisis, for environmental
degradation and international insecurity.....His speech was as
useless as the one made in Brasilia, when he met British
Prime-Minister, Gordon Brown, and the one made in Vina del Mar,
Chile, at the progressive leaders meeting.....Lula had at least one
moment of wisdom and seriousness [in Doha]. And it was when he
avoided being seated beside Sudanese President, Omar al-Bashir,
accused of genocide and supported by Chavez."

Title- G20 and its limits

Main editorial in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (4-2) says: "....There
are divergences in each one of the themes [to be discussed in the
G20 Summit: 1. global action against the crisis; 2. Commitment not
to implement restrictions to trade; 3. a new system of global
regulation for banks; and 4. Strengthening of multilateral
organizations]....Those conflicts and divergences might limit the
reach of decisions being taken at the summit....Concretely, the
event in London tends to attest to the role of the group, as a
replacement to the G8, as the main forum of discussion for global
economic themes. Brazilians should not downplay the importance of
this step."

Title- The Group of 20

Op-Ed in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (4-2) by Kenneth Maxwell notes:
"The group of 20 (G20) meets today in London. The goal is to face
the world economic crisis and offer a collective answer to it....It
will not be good if the only memory of the day is one of divided and
insecure leaders protected by barricades against the furious
population."
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